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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL PRIORITY
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TAGS: PEPR, PDIP, AF, US

SUBJECT: SENATE PASSES RESOLUTION ON AMBASSADOR
TO AFGHANISTAN

REF: STATE 122714

1. ON MAY 17, SENATE PASSED S. RES. 106, TEXT OF WHICH
WAS REPORTED REFTEL. SENATOR ROBERT BYRD HAD INSERTED
INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS FROM
THE SFRC'S REPORT ON THE RESOLUTION.

2. QUOTE: PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION: THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE
OF THE SENATE RESOLUTION 106, SPONSORED BY SENATOR PELL
AND CO-SPONSORED BY SENATORS LUGAR, CHURCH, MCGOVERN,
SARBANES, ZORINSKY, JAVITS AND HAYAKAWA, IS TO LEAD THE
GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION
TO U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL SERVING THERE. THE
RESOLUTION IS ALSO DESIGNED TO STIMULATE GOVERNMENTS IN
OTHER AREAS WHERE THE LIVES OF U.S. OFFICIALS ARE
ENDANGERED TO GIVE GREATER ATTENTION TO PROTECTING SUCH
OFFICIALS.

3. BACKGROUND: ON FEBRUARY 14, 1979, AMBASSADOR ADOLPH
DUBS WAS ABDUCTED BY TERRORISTS IN KABUL AND TAKEN TO
THE KABUL HOTEL. DESPITE U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO
PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN TO NEGOTIATE WITH
THE TERRORISTS CONCERNING AMBASSADOR DUBS' RELEASE RATHER
THAN RESORT TO FORCE, AFGHAN POLICE STORMED THE HOTEL
ROOM, AND HE WAS KILLED IN THE SHOOTING THAT TOOK PLACE.
THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN HAS REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE
ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR AMBASSADOR DUBS' DEATH, STATING
THAT ITS ACTIONS WERE IN FACT DESIGNED TO SAVE HIS LIFE.

4. AMBASSADOR DUBS WAS THE FIFTH U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BE
KILLED IN RECENT YEARS WHILE SERVING ABROAD. U.S.
AMBASSADORS IN CYPRUS, LEBANON, GUATEMALA, AND THE SUDAN
HAVE ALSO BEEN MURDERED. OTHER U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN
DELIBERATELY KILLED BY TERRORISTS HOSTILE TO THEIR OWN
GOVERNMENTS OR TO THE UNITED STATES. DIPLOMATS OF OTHER
NATIONS, MANY OF THEM ALLIES OF THE UNITED STATES, HAVE

ALSO BEEN KILLED BY TERRORISTS.

5. THE PRACTICE OF DIPLOMACY AND THE FOSTERING OF
COMMERCIAL AND OTHER RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS ARE
SEVERELY HAMPERED BY SUCH EVENTS. THE SUCCESS OF ONE
TERRORIST GROUP PROVIDES ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHERS, THUS
FURTHER INCREASING THE DANGER TO U.S. OFFICIALS. SUCH
AN ATMOSPHERE FORCES U.S. OFFICIALS SERVING IN MANY
COUNTRIES TO DEVOTE MUCH OF THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO
THEIR PHYSICAL SECURITY AND TO THE SAFETY OF THEIR
FAMILIES, AND PREVENTS THEM FROM CARRYING OUT THEIR
FUNCTIONS IN A NORMAL MANNER. THE FACT THAT U.S. OFFICIALS
CONTINUE TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS IS A
TRIBUTE TO THEIR SENSE OF DUTY.

6. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN, WHICH IS
CONTROLLED BY PRO-SOVIET MARXISTS, SEIZED THE CONTROL OF
THE COUNTRY IN APRIL, 1978. IT APPARENTLY HAS STEADILY
LOST WHATEVER POPULARITY IT INITIALLY POSSESSED WITH THE
AFGHAN PEOPLE. ITS INCREASINGLY ISOLATED LEADERS HAVE
CONDUCTED REPEATED PURGES OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BOTH
CIVIL AND MILITARY, IN ORDER TO INSURE THEIR CONTINUANCE
IN OFFICE. WIDESPREAD BUT APPARENTLY DISORGANIZED
REBELLIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT ARE TAKING PLACE IN MANY
PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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